Proposed Claim Amendments for Telephonic Interview

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- 47. (Previously added) A method, comprising:

operating a unified messaging system configured to store messages, the system being operatively coupled to a telephone by a public switched telephone network;

sending a first message from the system over the public switched telephone network to the telephone;

receiving a command from the telephone instructing the system to delete all messages that have a trait in common with the first message;

deleting the first message from the system:

determining with the system that a second message in the system has the trait in common with the first message; and

deleting the second message from the system in response to said determining.

- 48. (Previously added) The method of claim 47, further comprising:
 wherein the system includes an email server;
 wherein the second message includes an email message on the email server;
 retrieving the second message from the email server before said determining; and
 wherein said deleting the second message includes deleting the second message from the
 email server.
- 49. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the command includes a touch-tone signal.

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50. (New) A method of deleting email messages sharing a common trait over a public switched telephone network independently of email system capabilities, comprising:

operating a unified messaging system that is operatively coupled to an email server, wherein the unified messaging system is operatively coupled to a telephone by the public switched telephone network;

playing a first message from the unified messaging system over the public switched telephone network on the telephone;

receiving a command from the telephone instructing the unified messaging system to delete all messages that have the common trait with the first message;

deleting the first message;

retrieving a second message from the email server, wherein the second message includes an email;

determining with the system that the second message has the common trait with the first message; and

deleting the second message from the email server in response to said determining without playing the second message.

51. (New) The method of claim 50, comprising:

determining a third message from the email server does not have the common trait with the first message after said deleting the second message; and

playing the third message on the telephone after said determining the third message from the email server does not have the common trait with the first message.

- 52. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the first message includes a voicemail message.
- 53. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the first message includes an email message.

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54. (New) A method, comprising:

operating a unified messaging system configured to store messages, the system being operatively coupled to a telephone by a public switched telephone network;

playing a first message with the system over the public switched telephone network on the telephone;

receiving a command from the telephone instructing the system to delete all messages that have a trait in common with the first message;

deleting the first message from the system;

determining with the system that a second message in the system has the trait in common with the first message; and

deleting the second message from the system in response to said determining without playing the second message.

55. (New) The method of claim 54, wherein:

the second message includes an email message from an email server; retrieving the second message from the email server with the system; and said deleting the second message allows the second message to be deleted independently of the capabilities of the email server.

56. (New) A method, comprising:

playing a first message of many having a common trait over public switched network on a telephone with a unified messaging system;

receiving a command from the telephone to delete all the messages having a common trait on the unified messaging system; and

deleting all remaining messages with the common trait from other messages without the common trait without playing the remaining messages with the common trait.

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